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CHEROKEE

FROM UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON

E.O. 11652 GDS

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SUBJECT: IRAN BILATERAL

1. TWO DAYS WITH HUSHANG ANSARY IN CANNES ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY RESULTED IN FURTHER REFINEMENT OF TERMS FOR OUR BILATERAL OIL DEAL. WE ALSO AGREED THAT WE SHOULD PROCEED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY TO FINALIZE THIS AGREEMENT OR IF THIS IS NOT FEASIBLE TERMINATE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. (1) ANSARY TELEPHONED ME IN PARIS THIS MORNING WEDNESDAY TO REPORT ON HIS TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH THE SHAH WHO ASKED THAT I BE ADVISED THAT IRAN CAN NOT PROCEED WITH THIS DEAL UNLESS WE ARE ABLE TO COMMIT PRIOR TO AUGUST 23. IF I CAN DETERMINE THAT THIS IS POSSIBLE THEY WILL COOPERATE IN FINALIZING REMAINING DETAILS. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE WE ARE TO ADVISE ANSARY IMMEDIATELY AND WE WILL THEN TERMINATE NEGOTIATIONS.

(2) GEORGE ALDRICH PARTICIPATED WITH ME IN THE SESSIONS IN CANNES AND HAS PREPARED A MORE FORMAL DOCUMENT COVERING THE ELEMENTS OF UNDER-SECRET

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STANDING WHICH INCLUDES ALL BASIC PROVISIONS. A COPY

OF THIS WAS LEFT WITH ANSARY.

(3) WE HAVE RESOLVED ALL KEY ISSUES EXCEPT THE LENGTH OF THE INTEREST MORATORIUM PERIOD. ALTHOUGH NOT YET AGREED WE HAVE NARROWED OUR DIFFERENCES AND I FEEL CERTAIN THAT THIS CAN BE COMPROMISED SATISFACTORILY IF WE DECIDE TO PROCEED.

(4) WE MUST MOVE PROMPTLY TO DETERMINE HOW WE COULD LEGALIZE THIS TRANSATION. WE ARE STUDYING ONE ALTERNATIVE WHICH MAY PRECLUDE THE NECESSITY FOR A CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION, A REQUIREMENT WHICH WOULD SERIOUSLY DELAY AND FRUSTRATE THE DEAL ON THE BASIS OF THE SHAH'S DEADLINE OF AUGUST 23.

(5) I WILL BE BACK IN WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON WEDNESDAY AND AVAILABLE AT YOUR CONVENIENCE TO DISCUSS OUR NEXT MOVE WHICH MUST BE MADE PROMPTLY IF WE ARE TO BRING THIS NEGOTIATION TO SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION.
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